

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK EXAMINER**

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**Group Art Unit** ..... 2624  
**Examiner.** ..... Andrew W. Johns  
**Attorney's Docket No.** ..... MS1-1647USC1  
**Title** ..... Stealthy Secret Key Encoding and Decoding

**RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED 6/12/07**

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**Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response**

[0001] In a telephone discussion (on 8/8/2007), the Examiner indicated that the claim amendments herein place them in condition for allowance over the art of record.

**[0002]** In this response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- Amendments to the Specification: None.
- Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.
- Amendments to the Drawings there are none.